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Mr Paul De Bruyn
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission – IOTC
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SUBJECT: EXPLORATION OF THE IOTC E-PSM SYSTEM FOR POTENTIAL ADAPTATION FOR ICCAT

Dear Mr Paul De Bruyn

During the 29th Regular Meeting of the Commission, a new Recommendation on Port State measures to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing, aimed at bringing the ICCAT Port Inspection Scheme in line with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA), was approved.

It was noted that there is a need to develop an information system to support the effective implementation of port State measures, capable of exchanging relevant information with the FAO's Global Information Exchange System (GIES), with a view to avoiding duplication of reporting for those CPCs that are signatories to the PSMA. In this context, the Secretariat was invited to explore the possibility of adapting the existing electronic port State measures system (e-PSM) of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).

With a view to responding to this request of the Commission and assessing the suitability of the aforementioned system for ICCAT's needs, we are contacting you to seek your guidance on the possible next steps. In particular, we should welcome the opportunity to exchange information on the design of the IOTC e-PSM system and its relevant technical components, including, where appropriate, source code, technical specifications, system architecture, and technologies used. Kindly note that should any costs be incurred, they will be borne by ICCAT.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

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